MINUTES OF THE APRIL 2010
REGION IV ASC MEETING

April 8, 2010

From: Richard Bruce, Region IV Associate Director
To: ASC Region IV Member schools and their faculty
Subject: Agenda Items for April 8th Region IV Annual Meeting

Dear ASC Members,

Region IV held its annual meeting at the 46th Annual ASC International Conference Thursday April 8th, 2010 in Boston, MA. Region IV Associate Director Richard Bruce called the meeting to order at 9:00 am in Salon B of the Boston Marriott Long Wharf Hotel.

Members in attendance (alphabetical by school name): Brian Wasserman, Minnesota State University-Mankato; Richard Bruce, Missouri State University; Brian Bowers & Kevin McMeel, Southeast Missouri State University; Chuck Berryman & Kevin Grosskopf, University of Nebraska-Lincoln; Jim Goedert, University of Nebraska-Omaha;

Approval of Minutes
Bruce reviewed the minutes of the Fall 2009 meeting. Minutes were approved.

Announcements/Old Business
1. Members were encouraged to update their personnel files on the ASC website.
2. Members were encouraged to ensure that their institution has a subscription to IJCER.
3. Chuck Berryman agreed to present the National Teaching Award to Richard Gebken (Bruce will accept for him) and the Outstanding Educator Award to Richard Bruce.
4. Bruce updated members of Wentworth support decision. Bruce told members that while 7 schools voted in favor of supporting WIT with a $1,000 check, there were schools in opposition and they had some interesting views. Members in opposition of the support provided two worthy discussion points: 1) the reason region IV has a positive balance is because of its own saving strategies (cutting back on providing meals at competitions, increasing competition costs, etc.) and 2) if we were going to support a conference we should wait until next year when it is in Omaha (a school within our region). The group decided not to financially support this year’s conference.
5. Berryman updated the group on the status of the CMCA agreement. This process, which began in 1998, will continue to be developed. The committee continues to develop the contract.
6. Bruce reminded everyone that next year’s conference will be in Omaha, NE.

New Business
A. Bruce presented the new Region IV website that he and Gebken have been working on. One of the goals was to take it from the institutions server back to the ASC server. The name follows many of the other regions. While there is a redirect page set up on the old site, members were encouraged to change their book marks. Members may visit the site at http://region4.ascweb.org/
B. Bruce presented the new format for the competition with Friday presentations. Bruce noted that presentations will be due from all teams at 2 on Friday to keep late presenters from having an unfair advantage. Members approved of the new format. This schedule has been posted on the website.
C. Bruce encouraged the division coordinators to get problem specifics/format from sponsors early for inclusion in the RFP so students know to bring PDF writers, discs, and/or extra thumb drives.
Other New Business (items not on original agenda):

A. Bruce explained a desire of the ASC board to bring back the committee structure. Each region school was asked to present three possible committees and charges which they would be willing to be responsible for. The director, who is unable to chair the committee, would then have oversight over the committee and would report progress at the conference and mid-year meetings. Just for this conference, Berryman had assigned region IV to be responsible for the Information Technology Committee. After much discussion, Region IV members agreed to have Bruce present the following committee choices to Berryman at the post-board meeting in the order of importance as they appear below:

i. An Information and Technology committee with a charge of providing informal lesson plans, ideas, case studies, best practices, etc. for incorporating BIM, Revitt, and other ideas into the classroom. The material would be provided on the national website for all members to access. Brian Bowers from SEMO agreed to chair this committee if selected.

ii. A Website committee with the charge of improving the site’s main page, linked videos, and overall image. Brian Wasserman from MNSU-Mankato agreed to chair this committee as long as it did not develop into a general marketing committee.

iii. A Long-range Planning committee with a charge of looking at future environmental, economic, and social developments and their impact on the ASC. This committee would not be a strategic planning committee. If this option were selected, the region would need to find a champion to chair the committee.

Adjournment
The meeting was adjourned at 9:57 am.